ASCS

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

ACP

A CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP

THE SIGNUP FOR THE 1980 ACP STARTED ON NOVEMBER 13 AND WILL CONTINUE THROUGH DECEMBER 31

COME TO THE ASCS OFFICE TO SIGN UP

Permanent Vegetative Cover Improvement on Bennie Massie Farm - This practice improves an existing stand of grass which will help alleviate erosion problems.

PRACTICES AND COST-SHARE RATES

SL-1	Permanent Vegetable Cover Establishment	-60%
SL-2	Permanent Vegetable Cover Improvement	- 50%
SL-3	Stripcropping Systems	- 75%
SL-4	Terrace Systems	- 60%
SL-5	Diversions	- 60%
SL-6	Grazing Land Protection	- 50%
SL-11	Permanent Vegetable Cover on Critial Areas	- 60%
WP-3	Sod Waterway	- 75%
WP-4	Animal Waste Control Facilities	- 50%
FR-1	Forest Tree Plantation	- 50%
FR-2	Forest Tree Stand Improvement	- 50%

Logoon on the Jim Elder Farm - This practice helps abate pollution from animal waste as well as provide a system for handling manure which can later be spread on farmland.

TAKE A GANDER AT CONSERVATION

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Agricultural Conservation Program is the channel through which the Federal Government shares with farmers the cost of carrying out approved soil, water, woodland and wildlife conservation practices on their land.

The program has been in existance since February 29, 1936, and is funded by Congress.

Originally, the ACP offered payments for land use and production adjustments in addition to conservation measures. Since 1944, however, its conservation assistance has been limited to measures which farmers generally would not be likely to carry out to the needed extent without cost-share aid.

Funds for the cost-share use in each program year are allocated to ASCS State Committees on the basis of the conservation needs of the farmlands in the various states, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. The State Committees, in turn, allot the funds to farmer elected ASC County Committees, who use them to help local farmers carry out conservation measures on their land. Farmers go to the ASCS office and request cost-sharing for conservation work in advance of performance. In granting requests, the County Committee takes into account the need for each practice on the farm, its benefit to the public, its relative urgency, and the need for cost-sharing to carry it out.

Participation in the ACP is voluntary. The request for cost-sharing assistance, must be filed prior to beginning the practice, and in order for the practice to be eligible for cost-share assistance it must not be started before approval is granted. The applicant will receive a notice from the County Committee indicating the extent to which his or her request has been approved, and the performance specifications which must be met. Payment is made when certification is received in the ASCS office that the practice has been performed as approved.

Cost-sharing is available under annual or long-term agreements of 3 to 10 years. Long-term agreements are based on conservation plans of operation developed by the farmer and the Soil Conservation Service.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Soil samples will be required to be submitted for seeding and fertilizing practices (SL-1, SL-2). The samples should be brought in when the application is filed.
2. The Soil Conservation Service will be responsible for SL-3, SL-4, SL-5, SL-6, SL-11, WP-3 and WP-4 practices.
3. The Forest Service will be responsible for FR-1 and FR-2 practices.
4. A signup for long term agreements will be held during the last week of the signup period.

John Goin Beside Watering Trough on Buster Lucado Farm - This watering trough, built over 20 years ago with ACP assistance, is still in operation.

"When we were calves we could hop across this ditch!"

Sod Waterway on Clyde Mayberry Farm - This practice helps stop erosion on cropland.

Carol Clinedinst Celebrates Birthday

Carol Clinedinst celebrated her birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Joining Carol for the party, and shown in photo above, were "Carol", Jackaie Shall, Shire Harris, Ronald Brooks, Randall Tate, Mary Carson, Teressa Hash, and Vicki Clinedinst. They all enjoyed refreshments and skating.

Mike Carmody Celebrates Birthday

Mike Carmody celebrated his birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Attending were, 1st row, left to right, Bentley Nash, Johnny Blankenship, "Mike", Terri Harris, Mike Lulke, Troy Harris, Jr.; and on top row, left to right, Amber Clark, Todd Thompson, Derrick Preston, Ronnie Napier, David Totty, Kelly Harris, April Lulke, Mrs. Carmody, Mrs. Harris and David o'Brien.

Rhonda Bryant Celebrates Birthday

Rhonda Bryant celebrated her birthday recently with a party at A. J. Skateworld. Joining Rhonda for the party were Curtis Bryant, Jr., Sissy Bryant, Ronnie Bryant, Jr., Shauna Carthorn, Cindy Page, Timmy Page, Jennifer Phelps, Mark Ferguson, Jay Mayberry and Ginger Bryant.

Capitol Comments

By Dan Daniel, Fifth District, Virginia

As tensions mount daily throughout the world, and as the potentiality for trouble involving our own country escalates, it is important to look at our capacity for response. What we see is not altogether encouraging.

Should intercontinental war erupt, the human race would be virtually destroyed and no one could or would win.

But what of a lesser war? In August, a delegation of the NATO Subcommittee, which I chair, visited installations in Western Europe, and discussed with commanders in that area the needs which they foresaw in the immediate future.

It is presently estimated that the difference between what the Congress will appropriate and what our NATO command needs, for operation and maintenance in fiscal 1980, will amount to nearly $400 million.

What will this mean? I invite you to consider what the O. & M. shortfall has already meant in the current and upcoming fiscal years.

For the Army, the backlog in essential maintenance and repair now exceeds $800 million. Combat forces must forego approximately 6,500 battalion field training days. Resources will not sustain a sufficiently high degree of near-term readiness to meet the 48-hour notice war scenario. They are short $35 million for modernization of equipment, $21.7 million must shomehow be found to accommodate deferrals from fiscal year 1979 for such mundane things as repair parts, furnishings for quarters, medical supplies and personnel support activities.

For the Navy, units are now limited to 41 operating days per quarter instead of the 45 days deemed necessary; primary aviation mission is funded at the bare minimum required for proficiency and safety levels.

And the Air Force is even worse off. In 1979 it had to cancel or defer NATO/Air Force exercises.

At some bases, 30 percent of assigned vehicles are out of commission. Mission training continues to be deferred, and there has been a reduction of inspection and maintenance of war reserve munitions, and other prepositioned equipment.

The question can properly be asked: How did the services let these things happen? They did not "let" them happen. They are the totally expected outgrowth of the retrenchment in spending for defense which has been occurring annually over the past decade.

The services are very much like the family who is on a tight budget. You forego new shoes for the children. You make the old winter coat last another season. You let some minor repair to the plumbing slip by awhile. But sooner or later, you reach a point where some expenditures have to be made, or the children must go to school barefoot, the winter coat develops some split seams, the basement floods.

It is ironic that this Nation, which for years has had a national commitment to decent housing for all Americans, whatever their economic status, yet insists that the people upon whom they rely for defense live in housing which would be among the first to feel the wrecker's ball.

It is outrageous that this Nation, which designs and funds recreation programs for communities here at home continues to deny the funds for recreation and sports programs for service personnel.

And it is almost criminal that this Nation, which has passed laws to protect the safety and health of men and women on the job in the private sector will permit unsafe working conditions to exist for the Armed Forces. It is one thing for the risk to be unknown; it is something else again when the risk is apparent and ignored.

A Nation which asks its sons and daughters to defend it can do no less than provide the means of that defense.

Chestnut Grove News

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Melhlaff of Lynchburg were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Proffitt.

Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henson Morris were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson of Prospect; Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Hackett of Dillwyn.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Harris and Aaron attended Thanksgiving services and dinner at Jones Chapel Baptist Church Sunday.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Morgan at Andersonville were Mr. and Mrs. Don Morris and boys.

Mrs. Roger Morris, Sarah and Becky were Sunay visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Rice Seay and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seay both of Andersonville.

Mrs. K. M. Beasley Jr., Kathy and Kemper III spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Carson at Blacksburg. Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Beasley Sr. and K. M. Beasley Jr. stopped off in Roanoke to help Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Beasley move into their new home.

Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Bryan in the death of her grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shumaker of Brookneal were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Morris.

Bill Morris of Richmond is spending this week in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Beasley Jr. Kathy and Kemper III visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Cook of Prospect Sunday.

4-H'ers Excel in Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Contest

By: Lonnette M. Chilton
Extension Agent

The Make-It-Yourself-With-Wool Contest was Saturday, November 17, 1979, at the Langford Student Center, Longwood College, in Farmville, Va.

Four Appomattox County 4-H'ers participated in the competition and Fashion Revue. Each girl competed in the two-piece suit junior category. Laurie Cowan, member of the Falling River 4-H Club, modeled a gray suit and a plaid gray vest. Laurie placed seventh. Jane Guill, a member of Teen Leaders, modeled a teal-blue skirt and jacket. Jane placed third. Another member of Falling River 4-H Club, Laura Walton modeled a blue skirt and blazer. Laura placed sixth in the junior category. Cheryl Walton modeled a teal blue blazer, plaid skirt and matching scarf. Cheryl was over-all winner in the 100% wool junior division. Cheryl will represent Virginia at the Eastern Seaboard Regional Competition in Cumberland, Maryland in December.

Congratulations, girls!

MRS. DICKERSON'S 4-H CLUB

Jeff Bates led us in the pledge to the American Flag and Robin led us in the 4-H pledge. Tara and Chris led us in songs and games. Mrs. Chilton gave us our share the fun slips, and she gave us our old project books back with the ribbons. She also told us about public speaking. She showed some slides on things to do in 4-H, such as Share-the-Fun, Public Speaking, Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks, and Poster Contests and the Dog Shows. We also talked about 4-H Camp, and about 4-H Club evaluation. Then we talked about "Badlands in South Dakota."

By: Jeff Bates

MRS. BRIGHTWELL'S 4-H CLUB

We have done a lot in 4-H this year. We have picked out our project books already. And we are working on them. Our 4-H officers are President: Shawn Walker; Vice President: Kellie Talley; Secretary: Roger Jackson; Recreation Leaders: Leroy Wooldridge and Liza Gray.

By: Linny Wesley
Reporter

BECKHAM

Mrs. Robert Morris was honored Saturday night for her birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Judson Morris, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Martin Jr., Mrs. Mary Lizzie Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Winstone Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Martin, visiting on Sunday were, Mrs. H. C. Moore, Rhonda and Allison Moore, Traci and Edward Schmutz, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Hamilton.

Miss Barbara Wenning of Lynchburg College is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wenning and sister, Lisa Wenning.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goodman of Springfield, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Morris of Atlanta, Ga. will be visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morris, Carolyn and Melanie and Mrs. S. G. Martin this week.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs Martin Sunay were Mr. M. G. Martin Jr., Mr. Fleming Drinkard, Mr. Alfred Martin, A. C., Michael and Edward and Mrs. Geraldine Moore.

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